

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	TAKASE et al	Group Art Unit:	1645
Serial No.:	10/728,707	Examiner:	Heather Calamita
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For:	PROBE CARRIER AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING THE PROBE CARRIER		

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action dated May 31, 2006, in which pending claims 1-28 were subjected to restriction, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group II (i.e., claims 13-28) as identified by the Examiner. As is set forth in detail below, this election is made with traverse.

Reconsideration of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested in view of the following **Remarks** that begin on page 2 of this paper.